

Hurlburt Field named best of best

By Tech. Sgt. William Seabrook Jr.
Public Affairs

Members of the Hurlburt Field community have always known this is an awesome base to live and work – now the rest of Air Force knows it as well. This validation came Wednesday, when base leaders learned that Hurlburt Field was named the Commander-in-Chief’s 2003 Installation Excellence award winner.

“This recognition speaks volumes about our world-class personnel and their commitment to excellence,” said Col. Raymond Killgore, 16th Special Operations Wing vice commander. “I’m extremely proud of our team and feel privileged to work with some of the most talented people in the Air Force performing the most vital of Special Operations missions.”

This Department of Defense-level award recognizes the outstanding efforts of the people who operate and maintain DoD installations, and who’ve done the best with their resources to support the mission. The award also recognizes commanders who create an environment that promotes innovative and creative ways of enhancing base-level services, facilities and quality of life.

“Improving Hurlburt’s quality of life and work place environment is something we’re always striving to do,” said Col. Mike McKenna, 16th Mission Support Group vice commander. “Next to our mission, our people come first in everything we do. It’s the people that make Hurlburt the best installation in the Air Force. They’re the reason for Hurl-burt’s success.”

One major quality of life project that the base has undertaken is the \$1.2 million community park that features a skate park, new playgrounds, pavil-

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Andre Nicholson

Col. Raymond Killgore, 16th Special Operations Wing vice commander, and base family members, cut the ribbon at the community park grand opening Saturday.

Base celebrates community park opening

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

After undergoing six months of construction, the new Hurlburt Field Community Park was officially opened Saturday.

The park, which is located west of the main gate when entering the base, covers the area surrounding the child development center.

The objectives for building the community park were two-fold: improve the quality of life for family members; and improve the appearance of the entrance to Hurlburt Field.

“This park was designed for all age groups,” said Col. Raymond Killgore, 16th Special Operations Wing vice commander. “As you look around, you’ll see that

there’s something here for everyone. By improving the appearance of the entrance to Hurlburt Field, we maintain the high quality standard in design and construction established by the Air Park.”

One of the amenities to the park is a large pavilion where the ribbon cutting ceremony was held, which creates an image of a town square atmosphere.

Other features in the park include: upgrades to the existing ball fields; new playground equipment; textured sidewalks and pedestrian lighting as displayed in the Air Park.

Although the park is now open to base members, other features like an interactive water fountain and bathing cages are scheduled to be added at a later date.

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The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to me for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community. I really appreciate your feedback.

To receive a response, leave your name, unit and telephone number. Open lines of general interest will be printed in the **COMMANDO**. I'll answer the others

by letter or phone call. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you, and perhaps improve their process.

However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give me a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil.



Col. Frank Kisner,
16th SOW commander

Pregnant parking

Comment: I've been to the clinic many times since they started the renovations. I think they did a great job setting up alternate parking. My only concern is that there are numerous handicap parking spaces, which I've never recalled ever being fully occupied.

I was interested in knowing if it would be possible to convert two of those handicap spaces to "expectant mom" spaces, which I've seen done at the Eglin Air Force Base exchange.

In light of recent deployments, this would be of great assistance, considering that many mothers may be caring for more than one child without the help of their spouse. This may also

be beneficial at the base exchange and commissary.

Reply: The Americans With Disabilities Act directs the number of handicap parking spaces in the new clinic parking lot. Because of this, we aren't legally able to decrease the amount of handicap parking spaces and unfortunately, we just don't have sufficient space to add more reserved parking spaces.

Having said this, if a pregnant woman does have legitimate physical limitations due to a particularly difficult pregnancy, she may be eligible to receive temporary handicap parking making it legal for her to utilize handicap spaces.

The local department of motor vehicles office can be contacted for details on how to obtain a handicap placard.

Civilians play big part in our nation's defense

By Jimmy Helton
14th Logistics Readiness Squadron

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — When we talk about building leaders, we must address the total force. Today's military is a rich blend of active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilian civil service and contractors supporting military operations.

The civilian workforce is a crucial link in national defense. The Department of Defense employs more than 800,000 civilians around the world. One quarter of the total DoD workforce is made up of civilians developing and maintaining sophisticated systems, managing complex programs and handling the feeding, housing and paying of members.

Many civilians are subjected to the same risks as military members. In fact, several thousand civilians deployed during operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Any future wars will take all of the military commitment, meaning the civilian workforce will be called into harm's way.

The civilian workforce is extremely talented. Nearly 80,000 hold advanced degrees and more than 250,000 have at least a bachelor's degree.

To get ready for the 21st century, we must plan now to produce future civilian leaders.

The Air Force demands civilian leaders be both technically and managerially adept, well-educated, and possess broad and diverse experience. Development and training at career milestones is essential to achieving this objective. We must instill the same institutional commitment and responsibility in civilian employees as in military people.

The responsibility for identifying candidates for appropriate development rests with commanders and managers. The force is very capable, however, there's concern that 45 percent of the civilian workforce is eligible for retirement in five years.

The civilian force is rich in terms of experience, which is one of its greatest strengths. It's important to manage the force to sustain this experience level. A unified military-civilian team is essential to the mission.

The Department of Defense employs more than 800,000 civilians around the world.

A mass exodus of the civilian sector would leave a giant "skills gap" in the workforce. We must start mentoring, educating and training young workforce members to perform as well as their predecessors. We must also consider training military people who may one day serve as civilian employees.

Successful companies know their workforce is their most important asset, so they use education and professional development programs to attract and retain quality people. Invest your leadership abilities, time, resources and dollars in the personal and professional development of your civilian workforce for tomorrow's Air Force. (AFPN)

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson

Down and dirty

Cadets from Ohio State University's Reserve Officer Training Corps, crawl through one of the obstacles at the Jungle Obstacle course here March 24. The students received a tour of the base and volunteered to challenge the course during their visit.

Memorial wall honors veterans

By Amy Oliver
Public Affairs

Okaloosa County officially dedicated its Veterans' Memorial in Crestview March 22.

The 14-ton black onyx monument, located on the courthouse lawn, lists approximately 200 names of former Okaloosa County veterans, and those who trained at Hurlburt Field, Eglin Air Force Base and Duke Field and lost their lives in conflicts.

The list dates back to World War I and as recent as last summer, when seven airmen from the 16th Special Operations Wing died in an MC-130 crash in Puerto Rico.

The idea for constructing the memorial was developed by the brainchild of Crestview Mayor George Whitehurst. He and long-time friend, Bob Lynn, determined it was a doable project and formed a planning committee. For the next three years, plans were made and funds were raised to make Mayor Whitehurst's concept become a reality.

"It's really more beautiful than we ever dreamed," said Mr. Lynn. "We fig-

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Emily Butali

Master Sgt. Scott Gunn, member of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, plays "Amazing Grace" on bagpipes during the Okaloosa County Veteran's Memorial dedication ceremony in Crestview March 22. Inset are the names of some Special Operators listed on the wall who were killed last year.

Spotlight on ...

Jacqueline Hatten

Rank/Duty/Title: Technical Sergeant/contracting specialist
Organization: 16th

Contracting Squadron

Hometown: Memphis, Tenn.

Hobbies: Spending time with family

Contribution to the mission:

Sergeant Hatten is a contracting specialist who administers more than five major contracts valued in excess of \$900,000. These are key contracts that serve the entire Hurlburt Field community. Such contracts include: the Base Refuse Contract, Grounds maintenance Contract, Washer and Dryer Contract and all Blanket Purchase Agreements for the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Her support for the base infrastructure support flight helps provide the 16th CES and the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron with the best possible services available.

Her dedication to ensuring services are provided and commodities are delivered, enhances the wing's ability to effectively perform its mission.

(Editor's Note: The **COMMANDO** highlights airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, and should receive day-to-day recognition. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)

AIR FORCE NEWS

Airmen, families critical to OPSEC success

By Cynthia Bauer
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — With our nation at war, operations security becomes a vital part of success in battle and force protection at home.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld concluded a nationally televised press conference on Iraq March 20, with a strong reminder to those who have access to classified information.

"It's essential that everyone with access to classified operational details exercise discipline," said the secretary. "There's no excuse for anyone revealing sensitive information that will almost certainly put the lives of men and women in uniform at risk."

Although Secretary Rumsfeld pointed to classified information, there's another category of information that's important

to protect called critical information. It's information about intentions, capabilities, operations or activities that could possibly give our adversaries an advantage. Such information may seem insignificant, but when pieced as a puzzle with other bits of information, can reveal important details of ongoing or planned operations.

Capt. Allen Reeves, chief of defensive counter information with the 67th Information Warfare Flight, said the vigilance of family members as well as airmen is necessary to prevent critical information from getting into enemy hands.

"The success of our military mission depends on secrecy and surprise," he said. "Secrecy and surprise help us do our mission more quickly and with less risk. Enemies of freedom want information, and they're not just targeting our airmen — they'll target our families, too."

Every Air Force family has bits and pieces of information about the military mission. Members of the Air Force family must take care not to discuss information outside of their immediate family, Captain Reeves said.

"Some bits of critical information could include: detailed unit mission information; times and locations of deployments; and large numbers of personnel transactions, which include pay information, powers of attorneys and wills," he said. "References about unit morale or personnel problems or details about security also fall into the critical information category."

Captain Reeves said where and how information is discussed is important, too.

"We all need to remember an adversary's agents, who are tasked with collecting information, frequently visit

some of the same stores, clubs, recreational areas or even churches as we do," he said.

Captain Reeves said agents can also easily collect data from cordless and cellular phones and even baby monitors, using inexpensive receivers available from local electronics stores.

His advice for families? "Be alert, be careful! Spies are a reality. Our adversaries gain useful information through their agents. A foreign agent may use a variety of approaches to befriend someone and get sensitive information that can compromise operations and leave the door open for terrorism. If the person you're talking to shows excessive interest in the military affairs of your family member, notify your sponsor, the unit OPSEC program manager or the Air Force Office of Special Investigations." (AFPN)

Act may protect active-duty Reservists and Guardsmen

WASHINGTON — Guardsmen and Reservists called to active duty to fight the global war on terror may seek credit protection under a law passed to aid GIs in an earlier global war.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 protects military members from certain legal obligations while they're actively engaged in national defense.

Among the act's chief provisions is its ability to reduce interest rates on debts incurred before active-duty status, protect service members and their families from eviction, and delay civil court actions.

But it's not automatic. In order to take advantage of the act, a service member should notify his creditors of the active-duty status and his intent to invoke his civil relief act rights.

Sometimes, however, creditors don't strictly adhere to the letter of the law, even when they're given proper notice. In a case that's about to enter litigation, a Reserve airman from California is counting on the power of the American Bar Association to help him pick up the pieces of his shattered financial life.

According to Col. John Odom Jr., a Reserve legal officer temporarily assigned to the 8th Air Force at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., the Reservist in question

is a master sergeant who owned a construction company, a home and a boat before being activated for a year.

Now, just two months after being relieved from active duty, the Travis Air Force Base, Calif., noncommissioned officer's creditors are threatening to foreclose on his home and his boat. Furthermore, his life savings is gone, his credit is destroyed, and his company's future is in limbo.

"He's a classic poster child for the act," the colonel said.

While most of the creditors complied with the sergeant's request for relief, several didn't, Colonel Odom said.

Now, immediately after the sergeant has come off active duty, his creditors are demanding immediate payments — just as he's trying to get his business re-started. The key point of contention is a provision in the law that allows a Reservist to seek a moratorium on continuing obligations for a period equal to the time spent on active duty, to give the service member time to recover financially.

While all service members receive some protections under the act, additional rights are specifically geared toward mobilized members of the Reserve community.

Specific rights under the act include:

○Limiting interest rates to 6% for all debts incurred before beginning active-duty service. This provision includes interest rates on credit cards, mortgages and auto loans. It doesn't apply to federal student loans.

○Protecting family members from eviction during times of active-duty service, regardless of whether the lease was signed before or after activation. If the monthly lease is \$1,200 or less, a landlord must seek a court order to authorize an eviction.

○Prohibiting repossessions and foreclosures without court permission.

○Postponing civil lawsuits the service member is a direct party to, such as bankruptcy.

○Extending deadlines to file law suits by eliminating time served on active duty from calculating any statute of limitations.

○Protecting active-duty people from taxation by states other than by their state of domicile.

○Prohibiting creditors and insurance companies from making adverse credit reports, denying credit, or taking adverse financial action against a service member based solely on invocation of the act.

For more information, call the legal office at 884-7821. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8-9 a.m. and Thursday 3-4 p.m. for active duty. (AFPN)

Look who's talking: What is your dream car and why?

"I would pick the Dodge Viper because it's off the chain!"

"I would get a Lamborghini, so I could drive it around and feel like a million dollars."

"I would definitely buy a Honda S2000 because it has an ultimately smooth ride."



Photo by Larry Hess

Commissary car

Sailors from Naval Air Station Oceana, Va., take a glimpse at a Tide NASCAR cutaway racecar. The car will appear at the Hurlburt Field commissary from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, so customers and NASCAR fans can check out a cutaway racecar up close and personal. People should check ahead of time to confirm the simulator visit. Store information can be found at www.commissaries.com under the "locations" button.

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ured it would be pretty, but nothing can beat reality."

Mayor Whitehurst agreed, "It's an honor to be able to have a monument like this," he said. "I feel like it will be great for the families of those who died in service."

More than 300 people attended the dedication ceremony, including elected officials, top leadership from Hurlburt Field, Eglin AFB and Duke Field, as well as Congressman Jeff Miller. President George Bush also sent a letter, which was read during the ceremony, congratulating the county on its new memorial.

Mr. Miller urged everyone to remember our service members currently fighting the war in Iraq, while acknowledging the many war protesters throughout the country.

He reminded everyone that their freedom to protest came as a result of U.S. service members who have fought and are current-

ly fighting for the right to do so.

"You won't see anyone in Baghdad protesting their government," Mr. Miller said.

Since the memorial has been erected since last June, many had already spent quiet private moments gazing at familiar names. However, for some, seeing the memorial was a somber event. For others, it was peaceful. Judy DiPolo, who lost her husband of 39 days in Vietnam, found her visit to the memorial to be a good experience.

"I have a great sense of peace about what's happened," she said.

Col. Kevin Pollard, 16th Medical Group commander, also attended the ceremony.

"Given the current war in Iraq, I can't think of a better time to recognize all veterans," Colonel Pollard said, "and especially those who've given their lives for our nation's security and freedom."

"The memorial wall is beautiful," he continued. "It truly reflects the patriotism of the people of Okaloosa County and the close bond they have with our military community."

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Vision ready means being mission ready

By the 16th Medical Group

Hurlburt Field’s Optometry Clinic is here to ensure members’ vision meet mission requirements.

It takes the individual, the unit and the clinic working as a team of professionals to meet the special needs of the Hurlburt Field community.

The following are some simple vision guidelines for every active-duty member:

- Be prepared – don’t wait until you receive orders to be vision ready
- Gas mask inserts aren’t required for those who have “reading-only” prescriptions
- If you wear glasses, you must maintain two pairs of glasses and one gas mask insert
- Your last eye exam must have been within the last year to be considered current
- You’re authorized one “frame of choice” pair of military eyeglasses per year. If you break that pair during the year, you’ll have to replace them at your own expense.

All personnel must have current, serviceable glasses and gas mask inserts on hand. The ops tempo at the military optical lab is very high; routine eyeglass orders take three to four weeks, and delays may occur.

Much of our operational activity occurs at night when less light is available, and vision is naturally impaired.

Commanders and supervisors should ensure their troops are prepared, by adding vision requirements to unit and section mobility checklists.

Child-related medication mishaps can be avoided

By Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

Every day in the state of Florida, a 911 telephone call is made asking for emergency help or assistance because a child has accidentally taken a medication or drug in the home.

This highlights the need for proper use of over-the-counter and prescription drugs, said Jim Sanders, 16th Medical Operations Squadron Drug Demand Reduction Manager.

“When used in a correct and timely manner, over-the-counter and prescription drugs can help cure many ailments,” Mr. Sanders said.

“Some of these medications, however, can hurt and even kill a person when they’re used incorrectly, or the medicine is outdated,” he continued. “The majority of all medication poisonings happen in the home, but there are certain precautions that can be taken to reduce the chances of accidental poisoning by medication.”

Some precautions include:

- Keeping all medications out of the reach of infants and small children and never referring to medication as candy
- Returning all medications to a safe place after administering them to a child
- Immediately replacing the child-protector caps on containers
- Disposing of leftover or outdated prescription medications by flushing them down the commode
- Routinely inspecting prescription and over-the-counter medications as part of a home inspection safety checklist

“In most cases, accidents can be avoided, if parents act responsibly and a few simple steps for positive controls and supervision are followed,” said Mr. Sanders.

In case of an emergency, the National Poison Control Center has a 24-hour hotline at (800) 222-1222. The NPCC mails free emergency home-packets to families upon request.

For more information, call the military drug testing office at 884-3992/2574.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Andre Nicholson

Members of the Emerald Coast School of Traditional Irish Dance perform at Family Fest Saturday.

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ions and several ball fields.

Other projects the base has recently completed include renovating the base bowling center and creating a base wildlife habitat near the child development center. There's also a \$5.3 million dollar project underway to modernize the installation's road system.

"Now that we've won this award, we'll be able to undertake even more quality of life projects," said Colonel McKenna.

Among the many projects base officials hope to undertake include finishing the community park by adding an interactive water fountain, batting cages, a rubberized fall zone in the playground and improving the entrance features to the park, according to Colonel McKenna. The entrance features will include speed tables to control traffic and sidewalks leading from MacMillian Street and to the base pool.

Hurlburt Field, which re-ceived \$500,000 for being one of three finalists, will receive another \$500,000 for winning the award. The base, which was a finalist last year, bested Kadena AB, Japan, and Spangdahlem AB, Germany in this year's competition.

"I look forward to using these resources to build upon our commitment to caring for our people," said Colonel Killgore. "It's our people that make us great, and with the help of this award, we'll continue to make Hurlburt Field an even better place to work and live."

The secretary of defense will formally present the award to representatives from Hurlburt Field in a ceremony at the Pentagon May 2.

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"Our community is just as important as our mission," Colonel Killgore said, "and a special thanks goes out to Col. (David) Scott (a former 16th SOW commander), who had the vision of creating the community park more than two years ago."

Along with more than 100 people in attendance, Colonel

Killgore; his wife Nancy; Chief Master Sgt. David Force, 16th Mission Support Group superintendent; Helen Kisner, wife of Col. Frank Kisner, 16th SOW commander; and Denise Griffin, wife of Col. Hubert Griffin, 16th MSG commander, were the distinguished guests who came out for the ribbon cutting ceremony and to show their support for the 2003 Family Fest, which got underway immediately following the ceremony. ***See Pages 14-15.***

LIFESTYLE

Military

Change of command

All base personnel are invited to attend a change of command ceremony for the 14th Weapons Squadron, USAF Weapons School, scheduled for Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Freedom Hangar, where Lt. Col. J. Marcus Hicks will assume command from Lt. Col. Christopher Connelly. For more information, call 1st Lt. Magdalena Sunderhaus at 881-3170, or Maj. Mark Daley at 881-1235.

Air Force Reserve

The Reserve is a natural extension of active-duty Air Force service. For a commitment of one weekend a month and two weeks a year, a service member will: continue to accrue retirement and other benefits; keep current rank status; and cross-train if possible. For more information about the Reserve, call Master Sgt. John Tillie at 884-2656.

Community

Bowling tournament

The Hurlburt Officers' Spouses' Club sponsors a bowling tournament April 25 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Hurlburt Field Bowling Center to raise money for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Registration, which can be done at the bowling center, is \$20 per person. The tournament will be played with four to five people per team. For more information, call Kia Levine at 881-8322, or Danielle Wolfe at 916-0963.

Commissary closing

The Hurlburt Field Commissary will be closed April 20 in observance of the Easter holiday. It will re-open under normal business hours April 22 at 9 a.m. The Eglin Air Force Base Commissary, however, will be open April 20 under normal business hours for shopping convenience.

'Scout-O-Rama'

The Choctawhatchee District Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop will host Scout-O-Rama Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Admission is \$2 for adults, and children under 12 years-old are free. Activities include scout demonstrations, game booths, crafts and visits from the Fort Walton Beach Fire Department and Okaloosa County Public Safety. For more information, e-mail Bonnie Currey, Choctaw District Publicity Chair, at bcurrey@valp.net.

HOSC luncheon

The Hurlburt Officers' Spouses' Club's monthly luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Soundside Club offering baked flounder, roasted red potatoes and green beans for \$10 or a hearty spinach salad with bacon and mushroom dressing for \$7.55. Nonmembers will need to add an additional \$2 to the cost of the meal. Scholarships will be awarded to various military spouses pursuing college degrees as well as several graduating high school seniors. Childcare is available at the Hurlburt Field Child Development

Center from 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$3 per hour, per child or \$5 per hour for two or more children. For more information or to make reservations, call Marsha Babe at 678-4473 or e-mail HOSCReservations@COX.net.

NCMS seminar

The 11th Annual Emerald Coast National Classification Management Society seminar will be held Monday and Tuesday at the Ramada Plaza Beach Resort, Fort Walton Beach. The seminar will have several guest speakers, who'll be discussing current security issues in the world today. The cost is \$65, to help with the continental breakfast and lunch on Tuesday. For more information or registration, call Gina Elicio at 729-7435 ext. 201, or Michelle Steele at 729-7435 ext. 206.

Road construction

Construction along Independence Road from Terry Avenue to Tully Avenue is underway and scheduled to be completed in June. The speed limit in the construction zone has been reduced to 15 miles per hour. Entering the shoppette has been restricted to the Terry Avenue entrance, but the parking lot has been re-striped to allow for two-way traffic and perpendicular parking; drivers are encouraged to use caution.

While construction is being done on the south side of the road, the jogging path will be removed, but will be replaced upon completion of the project. Pedestrians are restricted from this area until further notice. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Corey Enderby, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 884-7593.

April CARE events

April is historically recognized as the Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commando Agencies Reaching Everyone, a subcommittee of the 16th Special Operations Wing Community Action Information Board, has organized several activities for the month to raise community awareness of child abuse and to provide special activities for military children and their families. The following have been scheduled for next week:

iCeremony of Remembrance ñ Tuesday, 3:30 p.m., at the Fort Walton Beach Civic Center

Favorite Stories ñ Thursday, 10 a.m., at the base library

Anger Control ñ Thursday, 10 a.m., at the Life Skills Conference Room

Baby Basics ñ Thursday, 4 p.m., at the Life Skills Conference Room

iThe Flowers of a Rainbow ñ Thursday, 6 p.m., at the base theater

Bookmark Award Ceremony ñ Friday, 4:30 p.m., at the base theater

For more information, call Cathy Holmes, Family Advocacy Outreach, at 884-4936.

Free car show

The 16th Maintenance Group Committee Bash for 2003 is sponsoring a free car show April 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hurlburt Field Freedom Hangar for military personnel and their families. The participation fee is \$10, which helps cover the costs of the 16th MXG bash. Registration is from 9 to 11 a.m. on the day of the show; there are several categories to register in, with many contests for each. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Aaron Frazier at 882-5327 or e-mail aaron.frazier@hurlburt.af.mil, or Master Sgt. Jan Koga at 881-2628 or e-mail jan.koga@hurlburt.af.mil.

Hurlburt Field Chapel 884-7795



Catholic Mass

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.

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Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (praise & worship),

11:30 a.m. (traditional),

12:45 p.m. (Gospel)

Religious Education: August ñ May

Youth and Singles groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center

Havdallah services: next-to-the-last Saturday of each month, 7 p.m., Chapel annex

Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

Jum'ah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

Qur'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

At the movies

Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field 884-7648

Friday and Sunday ñ (PG-13) iHow to Lose a Guy in 10 Days, ñ starring Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey ñ Andie's on a mission to find a guy, get him to fall in love with her, then make all the classic dating mistakes so he'll dump her within 10 days. Too bad her target is Benjamin, who's just made a high-stakes bet with his boss that he can make a woman fall in love with him in 10 days.

Saturday ñ (R) iDark Blue, ñ starring Kurt Russell and Scott Speedman ñ Feared on the streets of Los Angeles, veteran officer Perry and rookie officer Keough of the elite Special Investigations Squad investigate a high-profile homicide. Officer Perry is feared on the streets, and Officer Keough soon learns that police officers aren't above the law, but sometimes operate outside of it.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday ñ (R) iDeliver Us from Eva, ñ starring LL Cool J and Gabrielle Union ñ Hardened by her parents' deaths, Eva gives up her dreams to provide for her three sisters. The sisters honor and obey Eva's every decision at the expense of self-absorbed men. Fed up, the three men conspire to rid themselves of Eva once and for all.

Saturday, 2 and 7 p.m. ñ (G) iThe Jungle Book 2, ñ animated film ñ Mowgli gets restless and decides to return to the bare necessities of jungle life. He leaves behind his new girlfriend, Shanti, who's afraid of the dangerous wild animals. Mowgli's old nemesis, the tiger named Shere Khan, is out for bloody revenge. Can Mowgli's old friends help him?

Sunday ñ (R) iAdaptation, ñ starring Nicolas Cage and Meryl Streep ñ The true story of a plant dealer and three Seminole Indians, who conspired to clone rare orchids and sell them at exorbitant rates to plant collectors. Also included, is the tale of screenwriter, Charlie Kaufman, who attempts to adapt The Orchid Thief to the big screen.

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm scheduled playdates.)

Community

Sale and Bazaar

A Trinkets and Treasures Sale and Craft Bazaar is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Bob Hope Village Community Center, located at 30 Holly Ave., Shalimar. Jewelry, crafts, glassware and other small items will be for sale. Vendors may rent tables for \$20 each. For more information, call Becky Brice-Nash at 651-2797.

MPF limitations

The Military Personnel Flight office will close today at 3 p.m. for an official function. Also, the office will be minimally manned Wednesday through April 25 due to remodeling. There will be a representative from each section located in customer service to assist by appointment only. During this time, people are encouraged to utilize orderly rooms or the Virtual Military Personnel Flight as much as possible. For more information, call Senior Airman Teresa Mahony at 579-5402.

Appreciation ceremony

The Hurlburt Field Volunteer Advisory Council hosts the annual Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony April 11 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Soundside. The event will recognize over 600 volunteers supporting 12 base organizations and will announce the winners of the Angel and Volunteer Excellence Awards. For more information, call 884-1533.

RV locks changed

The Hurlburt Field Housing Office will be recertifying the recreational vehicles stored in the Housing RV lots during the month of April. Anyone who has a RV in the lots will be required to stop by the housing office to re-certify the vehicle and update information on his

card. For more information about re-certification or storing RVs in the lots, visit the housing office Mondays through Fridays from 6:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or call 884-7505.

Single parents luncheon

All Hurlburt Field single parents are invited to attend the monthly Single Parent Lunchtime Get Together every fourth Tuesday of the month from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the family support center. The meeting's an opportunity to learn about resources on base and discuss single parent living, while enjoying a free lunch. For more information, call 884-6800.

OWCC summer enrollment

Enrollment for the Summer 2003 term at Okaloosa-Walton Community College will be held Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the OWCC Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force Base centers. Registration priority will be given to active-duty service members at Hurlburt Field, and active-duty service members and base employees, who have identification, can register at Eglin AFB. Summer classes are scheduled to begin May 8 and June 20. For a complete listing of courses, visit the OWCC Web site at www.owcc.edu. For more information, call 729-5205.

Summer shipping season

Upon the receipt of orders or 30 days before making a permanent change of station move, military members and those retiring or separating should make plans to ship personal property with the traffic management office Mondays through Fridays 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

When visiting the office, bring a copy of the orders, dates for moving, amendments for each shipment planned, and an estimated weight for the shipment. For more information, call 884-6051.

APA Heritage Month

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and

the APA Club in partnership with the Military Equal Opportunity office, is seeking military and civilian volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting programs for the observance period.

The committee meets Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the MEO classroom in Building 90210, Room 244. For more information about APA Heritage Month, e-mail Chief Master Sgt. Ramon Rogado at ramon.rogado@hurlburt.af.mil, or call Staff Sgt. Bill White, MEO, at 884-5879.

Classes

Personal Family Readiness

Personal Family Readiness is offered to individuals and couples preparing for deployments and remote tours. Learn what to do now to prepare for the expected and unexpected, and discover what programs are available to support families while the spouses are gone. For more information, call 884-5441.

FSC Classes:

Employment Orientation – Monday, 9 a.m., Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Sponsorship Training – Monday, 1 p.m.

Commando Welcomes Spouses – Tuesday, 9 a.m.

Moms, Pops and Tots – Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Resume Workshop – Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Personal Family Readiness – Thursday, 9 a.m.

Federal Employment – Thursday, 9 a.m.

HAWC classes:

Eating Heart Healthy group follow-up – Tuesday, 9 a.m.

Diabetic Nutrition – Tuesday, 3 p.m.

Lean On Me – Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

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SPORTS



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A 16th Operations Support Squadron intramural paintball team member (left) takes aim at his opponents at the paintball field here Wednesday. (above) Players finish a game.

16th OSS paintball team splatters EMS

By Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

The 16th Operations Support Squadron intramural paintball team outgunned the 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron team three rounds to zero during a match at the base paintball field Wednesday.

While they lost the match, EMS had the disadvantage of being down one person.

Intramural paintball, in its first year, had 11 teams sign up initially, but a few teams had to drop out of the tournament because they didn't have enough people due to Hurlburt Field's high ops tempo, said "JJ" Jones, an outdoor recreation staff member who runs the paintball program here.

With two weeks left, the 12-week season "has gone really well," said Jones. "We've all had a good time."

The 716th Maintenance Squadron is currently in first place with 2457 points, trailed closely by OSS with 2227. Paintball teams add points to their total tournament score by winning matches, getting flags to the other end of the "speedball" course, and having people left "alive" after a round.

The huge speedball course, with its litter of conduit pipes and obstacles, is complimented by a woods course that sports a prisoner-of-war camp for paintball players to hold rescue operations and other combat scenarios.

Anyone can come play paintball, said Jones. On average, between 40 and 60 people show up for paintball Saturdays, and nearly that many on Sundays.

People can bring their own gear, or the field has everything needed for rent, including safety gear.

"Statistically speaking, paintball causes fewer injuries than golf," said Jones.



The 16th OSS paintball team advances on the 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron team.

"It's a rush playing paintball," he said. "It's like combat without the fatalities, and it really builds camaraderie and between team members."

The paintball fields are open

Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Large groups can reserve the field on weekdays. For more information, call Jones at 884-4097.

Sports briefs

Sports day

Sports Day is scheduled for May 2. Squadrons that would like to participate should contact their sports representatives about forming teams.

Golf tournament

The Hurlburt Field Company grade Officer's Council is sponsoring a golf

tournament April 11, with registration beginning at 10:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The participation fee for a four-person team is \$30 per person, which includes green fees and a golf cart. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Air Force Assistance Fund and the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. Participation is limited to the first 30

teams. To sign up or for more information, call 2nd Lt. Michael Lilly at 881-9211.

Softball players wanted

Men and women are needed for the Hurlburt Field varsity softball teams. For more information, call the main fitness center at 884-6884.

Soccer match

The Hurlburt Field varsity soccer team squares off against the University of West Florida varsity team at 3:30 p.m. today at Etheridge Stadium, Choctawhatchee High School, on Racetrack Road. A rally to support deployed troops will begin at 3 p.m. For more information, call Joseph Caruth at 863-0725.



An 11-year-old (above) gets all turned around on the Rings of Fun at Family Fest 2003. Two players (right) from the Marlins Little League team start the season off right by scoring two runs.



Face painting was a one of the activities for the kids during Family Fest 2003.

Thousands find fun at Family Fest

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson
Public Affairs

Clear skies and warm weather helped make Family Fest 2003 loads of fun for more than 4,000 people Saturday.

The free event, held annually, was made a little more special this year because it marked the opening of the new Hurlburt Field Community Park.

"It's so exciting to see what the base has done with this area," said Karen Perch, family member. "I've been stationed here for almost three years, and this is a great addition to the base. More importantly, it provides extra activities for children. I'm sure my kids won't be able to get enough of the playground."

Surrounded by a group of ball players, Col. Raymond Killgore, 16th Special Operations Wing vice commander, threw out the first pitch to kick-off the little league season and help get Family Fest started.

"What's important here today are families, and seeing parents who're getting involved with their children," he said. "It's apparent from the turnout today that they are."

The day was full of activities for the young and the young at heart: a bike rodeo; the skateboard safety demonstration and competition; a gymnastics demonstration by the

Hurlburt Field gymnastics team; and an animal petting area.

Children were greeted all day with hugs and candy kisses by the Berenstain Bear characters and were offered goodies from the Cat in the Hat, Clifford the Big Red Dog, "Where's Waldo," various sponsors and more. The fire department had fire trucks on display and by the end of the day, they'd given out 2,400 plastic fire hats.

"We had more than 350 volunteers and booth workers – that helped make this day a success," said Janis Wood, 16th Mission Support Squadron relocation assistance specialist at the family support center. "This year's event was even better than last year. The weather was great, and everything just came together."

This year, Family Fest was a combined effort by 16th Services Squadron, the family support center, family advocacy and several other base organizations.

Other attractions throughout the day included: free pony rides; the rings of fun; face painting; arts and crafts; a dunking booth; and tons of free giveaways.

"We couldn't have had this big of an event without all the collaborative efforts of the community and the wonderful volunteer support from all the squadrons on base," Mrs. Wood said. "They're the ones who made it happen!"



Mama Berenstain (above), one of the Berenstain Bear characters, receives a hug from a child during the festivities. The 16th Civil Engineer Squadron set up a dunking booth (left), and offered people the opportunity to sink volunteers.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson

activity booths available for family mem-